The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES Senator Benacquisto, Chair Senator Smith, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, April 11, 2011

TIME: 1:00 —4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building

MEMBERS: Senator Benacquisto, Chair; Senator Smith, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Bogdanoff, Braynon, Diaz

de la Portilla, Evers, Fasano, Flores, Joyner, Lynn, Margolis, Negron, and Sachs

		BILL DESCRIPTION and		
TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION	
1	CS/SB 1460 Commerce and Tourism / Bennett (Similar H 1175)	Energy Economic Zones; Includes energy economic zones in the pilot program implementing an alternative state review process. Exempts certain machinery and equipment used in the production of renewable energy in an energy economic zone from the tax on sales, use, and other transactions. Exempts certain building materials used in the rehabilitation of real property located in an energy economic zone from the tax on sales, use, and other transactions. Provides for expiration of the tax exemption for energy economic zones, etc.	Fav/CS Yeas 14 Nays 0	
		CM 03/29/2011 Fav/CS CU 04/11/2011 Fav/CS CA BC		
2	SB 1572 Siplin	Termination of Gas or Electric Service; Prohibits any utility from terminating a senior citizen's or low-income family's gas or electric service for nonpayment on any day, or on the following 2 calendar days, during which the National Weather Service forecasts extreme temperatures in the area in which the senior citizen or low-income family resides, etc.	Fav/CS Yeas 14 Nays 0	
		CU 04/11/2011 Fav/CS CF BC		
3	SB 1934 Evers (Identical H 1389, Compare CS/CS/H 1363, CS/S 1180)	Utility Right-of-way Relocation; Requires utility owners to remove or relocate at their expense utilities that interfere with public roads or rail corridors. Provides an exception if a local governmental entity acquires property where the utility was legally located prior to the acquisition. Adds an exception for certain permits issued in 1972. Provides for notice to utilities prior to commencement of work. Requires the initiation of removal by the utility.	Temporarily Postponed	
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4	CS/SB 950 Environmental Preservation and Conservation / Bennett (Similar CS/H 223)	Water and Wastewater Utilities; Provides for recovery through a quarterly surcharge of certain costs relating to water and wastewater system improvement projects. Defines a "non-revenue producing project." Requires utilities to submit surcharge tariffs reflecting the surcharge calculation for recovery of such costs to the Florida Public Service Commission for approval and to provide specified notice of such surcharge tariff filings, etc. EP 03/23/2011 Fav/CS CU 04/11/2011 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 10 Nays 4